GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7349
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2002
SAFETY OF PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN IN ZIMBABWE
CHANDRA NATH SINGH;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a move to drive out the people of Indian origin in Zimbabwe and to usurp their properties as reported in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated April 26, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure safety of the people of Indian origin in Zimbabwe?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The Acting Chairman of the Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veteran Associations has asked the Indian community to ignore the threats and ultimatums issued by the Association`s Secretary for Projects. There has been no panic or concern expressed by the Indian community in Zimbabwe.

(c) The Government of India through the High Commission of India in Harare has taken up the matter with the Government of Zimbabwe and has been assured that the latter would safeguard the interest of the Indian community in Zimbabwe.